

1995, as "Greek Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy." More than a gesture of friendship and good will, this resolution recognizes the enormous influence Greece and its traditions have had on our Nation.

It is fitting that we honor Greek independence in this Chamber, since the ancient Greeks first created the Athenian Assembly and direct democracy. The Greek word "demokratia" is a compound of "demos," meaning the people and "kratos," meaning power. To the Greeks we owe our most basic concept of democratic government, which our 16th President from Illinois so eloquently referred to in his Gettysburg Address as, " * * * government of the people, by the people, and for the people * * * "

Without Greece, its history, and its democratic traditions, we as a Nation would be lacking a strong foundation. For this inspiration, the people of the United States owe Greece deep gratitude.

This resolution not only honors Greece on its 174th anniversary of the beginning of the revolution that freed the Greek people from the Ottoman Empire, but also celebrates the historic and close ties between the citizens of Greece and the citizens of the United States. From the Greek philosophical influences on our Founding Fathers, to the neoclassical architecture of our Capitol and many of our State capitols, to Greek support of international struggles against fascism and communism, Greeks through many generations have helped foster and nourish the mutually beneficial ties between Greece and the United States.

I urge other colleagues from the Senate to join in cosponsorship of this worthwhile resolution.●

RULES OF THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

● Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. President, pursuant to paragraph 2 of rule XXVI, Standing Rules of the Senate, I submit for printing in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the Rules of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs for the 104th Congress, as adopted by the committee on February 1, 1995.

The rules follow:

RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS I. MEETINGS

(a) Unless otherwise ordered, the Committee shall meet on the first Wednesday of each month. The Chairman may, upon proper notice, call such additional meetings as he deems necessary.

(b) Except as provided in subparagraphs (b) and (d) of paragraph 5 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, meetings of the Committee or a Subcommittee shall be open to the public.

(c) The Chairman of the Committee or of a Subcommittee, or the Vice Chairman in the absence of the Chairman, or the Ranking Majority Member present in the absence of the Vice Chairman, shall preside at all meetings.

(d) No meeting of the Committee or any Subcommittee shall be scheduled except by majority vote of the Committee or by authorization of the Chairman of the Committee.

(e) The Committee shall notify the office designated by the Committee on Rules and Administration of the time, place, and purpose of each meeting. In the event such meeting is canceled, the Committee shall immediately notify such designated office.

(f) Written notice of a Committee meeting, accompanied by an agenda enumerating the items of business to be considered, shall be sent to all Committee members at least 72 hours (not counting Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays) in advance of each meeting. In the event that the giving of such 72-hour notice is prevented by unforeseen requirements or Committee business, the Committee staff shall communicate notice by the quickest appropriate means to members or appropriate staff assistants of members and an agenda shall be furnished prior to the meeting.

(g) Subject to the second sentence of this paragraph, it shall not be in order for the Committee to consider any amendment in the first degree proposed to any measure under consideration by the Committee unless a written copy of such amendment has been delivered to each member of the Committee at least 24 hours before the meeting at which the amendment is to be proposed. This paragraph may be waived by a majority vote of the members and shall apply only when 72-hour written notice has been provided in accordance with paragraph (f).

II. QUORUMS

(a) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (b), seven members of the Committee and four members of a Subcommittee shall constitute a quorum for the reporting or approving of any measure or matter or recommendation. Four members of the Committee or Subcommittee shall constitute a quorum for purposes of transacting any other business.

(b) In order to transact any business at a Committee or Subcommittee meeting, at least one member of the minority shall be present. If, at any meeting, business cannot be transacted because of the absence of such a member, the matter shall lay over for a calendar day. If the presence of a minority member is not then obtained, business may be transacted by the appropriate quorum.

(c) One member shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of receiving testimony.

III. VOTING

(a) Votes may be cast by proxy. A proxy may be written or oral, and may be conditioned by personal instructions. A proxy shall be valid only for the day given except that a written proxy may be valid for the period specified therein.

(b) There shall be a complete record kept of all Committee action. Such record shall contain the vote cast by each member of the Committee on any question on which a roll-call vote is requested.

IV. SUBCOMMITTEES

(a) No member of the Committee may serve on more than two Subcommittees. No member of the Committee shall receive assignment to a second Subcommittee until all members of the Committee, in order of seniority, have chosen assignments to one Subcommittee.

(b) The Committee Chairman and the Ranking Minority Member shall be ex officio nonvoting members of each Subcommittee of the Committee.

(c) Subcommittees shall be considered de novo whenever there is a change in Committee Chairmanship and, in such event, Sub-

committee seniority shall not necessarily apply.

(d) Should a Subcommittee fail to report back to the Committee on any measure within a reasonable time, the Chairman may withdraw the measure from such Subcommittee and so notify the Committee for its disposition.

V. HEARINGS AND HEARING PROCEDURES

(a) Except as specifically otherwise provided, the rules governing meetings shall govern hearings.

(b) At least 1 week in advance of the date of any hearing, the Committee or a Subcommittee shall undertake, consistent with the provisions of paragraph 4 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, to make public announcement of the date, place, time, and subject matter of such hearing.

(c) The Committee or a Subcommittee shall require each witness who is scheduled to testify at any hearing to file 40 copies of such witness' testimony with the Committee not later than 48 hours prior to the witness' scheduled appearance unless the Chairman and Ranking Minority member determine there is good cause for failure to do so.

(d) The presiding officer at any hearing is authorized to limit the time allotted to each witness appearing before the Committee or Subcommittee.

(e) The Chairman, with the concurrence of the Ranking Minority Member of the Committee, is authorized to subpoena the attendance of witnesses and the production of memoranda, documents, records, and any other materials. If the Chairman or a Committee staff member designated by the Chairman has not received from the Ranking Minority member or a Committee staff member designated by the Ranking Minority member notice of the Ranking Minority Member's nonconcurrence in the subpoena within 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays) of being notified of the Chairman's intention to subpoena attendance or production, the Chairman is authorized following the end of the 48-hour period involved to subpoena the same without the Ranking Minority Member's concurrence. Regardless of whether a subpoena has been concurred in by the Ranking Minority member, such subpoena may be authorized by vote of the members of the Committee. When the Committee or Chairman authorizes a subpoena, the subpoena may be issued upon the signature of the Chairman or of any other member of the Committee designated by the Chairman.

(f) Witnesses at hearings will be required to give testimony under oath whenever the Chairman or Ranking Minority Member deems such to be advisable. At any hearing to confirm a Presidential nomination, the testimony of the nominee and, at the request of any member, any other witness shall be under oath.

VI. MEDIA COVERAGE

Any Committee or Subcommittee meeting or hearing which is open to the public may be covered by television, radio, and print media. Photographers, reporters, and crew members using mechanical recording, filming, or broadcasting devices shall position and use their equipment so as not to interfere with the seating, vision, or hearing of the Committee members or staff or with the orderly conduct of the meeting or hearing. The presiding member of the meeting or hearing may for good cause terminate, in whole or in part, the use of such mechanical devices or take such other action as the circumstances and the orderly conduct of the meeting or hearing may warrant.

VII. GENERAL

All applicable requirements of the Standing Rules of the Senate shall govern the Committee and its Subcommittees.

VIII. PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS

Each Presidential nominee whose nomination is subject to Senate confirmation and referred to this Committee shall submit a statement of his or her background and financial interests, including the financial interests of his or her spouse and of children living in the nominee's household, on a form approved by the Committee which shall be sworn to as to its completeness and accuracy. The Committee form shall be in two parts—

(A) information concerning employment, education, and background of the nominee which generally relates to the position to which the individual is nominated, and which is to be made public; and

(B) information concerning the financial and other background of the nominee, to be made public when the Committee determines that such information bears directly on the nominee's qualifications to hold the position to which the individual is nominated.

Committee action on a nomination, including hearings or a meeting to consider a motion to recommend confirmation, shall not be initiated until at least five days after the nominee submits the form required by this rule unless the Chairman, with the concurrence of the Ranking Minority Member, waives this waiting period.

IX. NAMING OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FACILITIES

It is the policy of the Committee that no Department of Veterans Affairs facility shall be named after any individual unless—

(A) such individual is deceased and was—

(i) a veteran who (i) was instrumental in the construction or the operation of the facility to be named, or (ii) was a recipient of the Medal of Honor or, as determined by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member, otherwise performed military service of an extraordinarily distinguished character;

(2) a member of the United States House of Representatives or Senate who had a direct association with such facility;

(3) an Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, a Secretary of Veterans Affairs, a Secretary of Defense or of a service branch, or a military or other Federal civilian official of comparable or higher rank; or

(4) an individual who, as determined by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member, performed outstanding service for veterans;

(B) each member of the Congressional delegation representing the State in which the designated facility is located has indicated in writing such member's support of the proposal to name such facility after such individual; and

(C) the pertinent State department or chapter of each Congressionally chartered veterans' organization having a national membership of at least 500,000 has indicated in writing its support of such proposal.

X. AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES

The rules of the Committee may be changed, modified, amended, or suspended at

any time, provided, however, that no less than a majority of the entire membership so determine at a regular meeting with due notice, or at a meeting specifically called for that purpose. The rules governing quorums for reporting legislative matters shall govern rules changes, modification, amendments, or suspension. •

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT—SENATE RESOLUTION 73

Mr. HATCH. I ask unanimous consent that the vote ordered on adoption of Senate Resolution 73, the committee funding resolution, occur at 5 p.m. on Monday, February 13.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MEASURE REFERRED TO COMMITTEE—S. 391

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a bill introduced by Senator CRAIG, S. 391, the Federal Lands Forest Health Protection and Restoration Act of 1995 be referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and that when and if the bill is reported by that committee, it be referred jointly to the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Environment and Public Works for not to exceed 20 days of session, and if on the 20th day either committee has not reported the bill, the committee's be discharged from further consideration of the bill and the bill be placed on the Senate calendar.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. 257, a bill to amend the charter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, that the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration; that the bill be deemed read a third time; passed, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

There being no objection, the bill (S. 257) was considered, deemed read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 257

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 5 of the Act of May 28, 1936 (36 U.S.C. 115), is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 5. A person may not be a member of the corporation created by this Act unless that person—

"(1) served honorably as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States in a foreign war, insurrection, or expedition, which service has been recognized as campaign-medal service and is governed by the authorization of the award of a campaign badge by the Government of the United States; or

"(2) while a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, served honorably on the Korean peninsula or in its territorial waters for not less than 30 consecutive days, or a total of 60 days, after June 30, 1949."

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1995

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today it stand in recess until the hour of 12 noon on Monday, February 13, 1995; that following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be deemed approved to date, and that following the time for the two leaders that there then be a period for the transaction of routine morning business, not to extend beyond the hour of 1 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for not to exceed 10 minutes each.

I further ask unanimous consent that at the hour of 1 p.m., the Senate resume consideration of House Joint Resolution 1, the constitutional balanced budget amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. HATCH. For the information of all of my colleagues, under the previous order there will be a rollcall vote at 5 p.m. on Monday on adoption of Senate Resolution 73, the committee funding resolution. Senators should also be aware that there is a pending amendment to the constitutional balanced budget amendment, so further rollcall votes are possible on Monday.

RECESS UNTIL MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1995

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, and no other Senator is seeking recognition, I now ask unanimous consent the Senate stand in recess under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 3:57 p.m., recessed until Monday, February 13, 1995, at 12 noon.